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Date: August 7, 2015 at 7:36:41 PM EDT **To:** "Card, Joan" < Card. Joan@epa.gov>

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Joan,

Thank you for the update.

Since I require more education than most can you help me understand the term "impacted" in this situation?

Is it that we already have results that show certain constituents above a drinking water standard? Or, there are wells that in the vicinity of the river that pull water from it and could potentially have elevated levels of metals, etc.?

On Aug 7, 2015, at 7:29 PM, Card, Joan < Card. Joan@epa.gov > wrote:

Private drinking water wells in the vicinity of Durango, Colorado have been impacted by the spill. Region 8 contractors are working now to sample them and provide alternative sources of drinking water.

Typically, we would notify the public to be in contact with us if they have an impacted well so we can address it.

This information is a heads up so we can think collectively about how to handle this kind of notification. It seems likely that private wells in New Mexico would be similarly impacted, possibly in Utah too. We can discuss this on the call tomorrow. Thanks. Joan